

Harbor

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patrol for the harbor need constant vigilance and that it costs money to keep up that type of maintenance. "I hope you will share in these things," Clark said, "or we're the losers in this whole thing."

Scituate Selectman Gerald Dwight said that he had been apprised by Simons that 125 boats could moor in the Scituate portion of Cohasset Harbor. He envisioned a joint effort between Cohasset and Scituate "to make it a good harbor, not caring where the line is." He wished to see not only a joint maintenance fund, but also a joint effort for harbormaster control and patrol.

Each of the Cohasset Selectmen doubted the possibility of mooring any more boats in the harbor. Clark noted the recent court case to have a boat removed from the harbor for being too large for its

mooring, and the 400 people listed on the mooring waiting list. A \$5000 engineering survey to be performed by Coastal Zone Management (CZM) should discern the harbor's capability for taking on additional moorings, he said.

Selectman Henry Ainslie felt that Cohasset's situation was more unique than that of other towns or of other portions of Scituate because Scituate's only access to Cohasset Harbor is through the channel, across private land or through the usual Government Island parking facilities. For that reason, Selectman Rocco Laugelle added, Scituate should have a part in Cohasset Harbor responsibilities.

Scituate Selectman Chairman Rose Zoob tried to ascer-

tain how much money would be taken by Scituate and Cohasset assessments, but officials of both towns were unclear about dollar amounts. Zoob said that because figures were uncertain at the moment, it would be hard to tell if the 50 per cent assessment to go into harbormaintenance funds, possibly for Scituate waters in Cohasset Harbor, was a substantial or negligible amount.

It was agreed that for this year, Scituate would collect the taxes on the boats in Scituate waters, and that before the boating season next year the Cohasset Harbor Study Committee and the Scituate Waterways committee would meet to decide on a mutually acceptable course of action.



AT ANCHOR in Harbor, boats swing serenely at moorings, but it isn't always so peaceful. [Greg Derr photo]

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831- Pound Bluefin Landed On Fourth

By Karin Bartow

The official tuna fishing season runs from January 1 to September 1, but the fish don't usually arrive until around July 4. Not coincidentally, but fortuitously, Floyd and Barbara Robbins, and their children Rebecca and Benjamin, harpooned a whopping 831 lb. bluefin tuna on Independence Day.

This first-of-the-season tuna to land in Cohasset Harbor was followed by the second, on Saturday, and again by Floyd Robbins. He towed another 800 pounder, lassoed by its tail to the stern of "The Codfather," into the Harbor.

Both fish were caught in the northwest corner of the Middle Bank which runs between Gloucester and Provincetown, about 30 miles out to sea. Robbins returned there on Sunday looking for number three and "saw 'em, but didn't catch any," he said. There is a great deal of luck involved in catching a tuna, and certainly skill. Also, government regulations limit the catch to one a day, and close the season after 2,700 have been caught.

Robbins, a Scituate contractor, and his wife are both experienced fishermen. Their two Korean born children enjoy the sport also. Rebecca took a ten day fishing trip in stride only two days after her arrival in the family.

The Robbins prefer to harpoon the tuna because it's more sporting and safer. The harpoon has a line attached which is used to hand haul the fish in. It is walked to the stern of the boat, with the aid of a gaff rig, where it is secured by its tail. It's all an exhilarating procedure and, "very tiring, but you don't realize it because of the excitement," Mrs. Robbins said.

The tuna is bought right at the dock, processed the same

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night, and leaves the country within 24 hours. Ninety-nine per cent of the bluefin tuna (found only in North Atlantic waters) is shipped to Japan where it can sell for as much as \$30 a pound. A dark red, fatty fish, not favored here, it is considered a delicacy in Japan. Americans prefer the white albacore tuna found in Pacific waters and shipped to us mainly by the Japanese.

Robbins' largest tuna was a 922 pound giant caught a few years ago. Asked if there would be a third tuna this season, Robbins said, "That could be it. You just never know."

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